

Upper Cement Creek Status

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Hi Steve,

Per our meetings in Silverton last week I thought I'd send you a summary of outreach that occurred and some action items that I believe remain. Can you please advise on next steps? Thanks.

Jennifer

EPA representatives Steve Wharton, Jennifer Lane and Peggy Linn traveled to Silverton last week to participate in the August 23rd Animas River Stakeholder Group. EPA informed stakeholders that Sunnyside had asked us, the state and BLM to explore a legal framework. Information shared was based on joint talking points developed in advance of the meeting (attached). An additional goal of the trip was to introduce Peggy to key stakeholders since she is taking over community involvement at the site. This allowed EPA representatives to also inform San Juan County Commissioners of Sunnyside's interest. EPA emphasized that details still need to be worked out and that we will keep the community informed as we know more. Responses by stakeholders and officials were not met with many questions or concerns that were vocalized.

Remaining Action Items:

- Finalize the communications strategy; it appears that BLM does not want to provide edits to this document until after a meeting regarding an MOU
- Inform Town of Silverton of Sunnyside's interest. EPA made attempts to meet briefly with the Town Administrator Jason Wells but schedule conflicts prevented this from happening; Jennifer is following up with him by telephone. Town has probably already been informed since the county administrator is married to the mayor.
- Contact the Silverton Standard; I expect them to call us soon as word gets around but we could also contact them.
- Briefing with Jim Martin on next steps / how to inform state legislators and Congressionals.
- Share this information with state and BLM.

I'm also attaching the final talking points used during the trip.

Jennifer



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